

PATENT APPLICATION

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Attorney Docket No.: 2992.10US04

Peterson et al.

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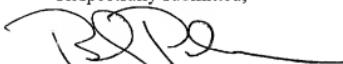
FOURTH STATUS INQUIRY REGARDING PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application, please indicate when a response can be expected to the **Petition Under 37 CFR 1.324 to Correct Inventorship on an Issued Patent – Adding Inventor** (copy attached) that was filed November 30, 2007, can be expected.

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.324 TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
ON AN ISSUED PATENT – ADDING INVENTOR

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On application of all the parties and assignees, the above-identified issued patent is hereby requested to be corrected by adding the name of the omitted inventor. Specifically, David B. Herridge is requested to be added as an inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified issued patent.

A Statement from the added inventor, a Statement from the current named inventors, and a Statement from all assignees of the parties, are attached.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the required processing fee under 37 CFR 1.20(b) is enclosed.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE IN INVENTORSHIP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. I, as the undersigned, am an officer of Incisive Surgical, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota and having its principal offices at 14405 21st Ave. N., Suite 130, Plymouth, MN 55447-4685, and am authorized to act in behalf of Incisive Surgical, Inc.

2. Incisive Surgical, Inc., is the assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified U.S. patent application. Copies of assignment documents are recorded at reel/frame 014671/0273.

3. Incisive Surgical, Inc., hereby consents to the change in inventorship with respect to the above-identified U.S. patent application from James A. Peterson, Christopher J. Sperry, Joseph M. Grysiewicz, and Delmer L. Smith to James A. Peterson, Christopher J. Sperry, Joseph M. Grysiewicz, Delmer L. Smith and David B. Herridge.

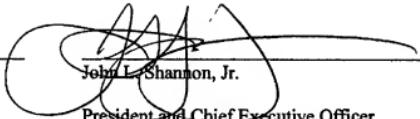
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4. The error in inventorship now being corrected occurred without deceptive intent.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and patent issued thereon.

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John L. Shannon, Jr.

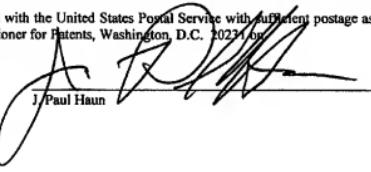
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ADDED INVENTOR'S STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

David B. Herridge, a citizen of the United States of America, presently residing in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, USA, does hereby state that the inventorship error omitting me as an inventor on U.S. Patent No. 7,112,214 occurred without any deceptive intention on my part. Accordingly, I hereby request to be added as a named inventor on said application.

Added Inventor:

David B. Herridge

Date

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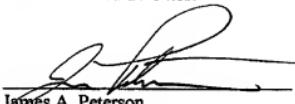
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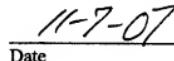
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Sir:

I, James A. Peterson, a citizen of the United States of America, presently residing in Edina, Minnesota, and currently named on U.S. Patent No.7,112,214 hereby state that I hereby agree to the change of the inventorship on the patent named above, adding David B. Herridge as an inventor.

Current Named Inventor:


James A. Peterson


Date



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Sir:

I, Christopher J. Sperry, a citizen of the United States of America, presently residing in Plymouth, Minnesota, and currently named on U.S. Patent No.7,112,214 hereby state that I hereby agree to the change of the inventorship on the patent named above, adding David B. Herridge as an inventor.

Current Named Inventor:

Christopher J. Sperry

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Sir:

I, Joseph M. Grysiewicz, a citizen of the United States of America, presently residing in Edina, Minnesota, and currently named on U.S. Patent No.7,112,214 hereby state that I hereby agree to the change of the inventorship on the patent named above, adding David B. Herridge as an inventor.

Current Named Inventor:

Joseph M. Grysiewicz
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Sir:

I, Delmer L. Smith, a citizen of the United States of America, presently residing in Edina, Minnesota, and currently named on U.S. Patent No. 7,112,214 hereby state that I hereby agree to the change of the inventorship on the patent named above, adding David B. Herridge as an inventor.

Current Named Inventor:


Delmer L. Smith

Date

